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who is the administrative head of all the departments of the Ministry and supervises the work of all the department officials and the proper operation of the schools. He appoints the officials of the central office and specialists in secondary and vocational education belonging to the second and third grades in the salary scale, and recommends to the Minister the appointment of officials of the higher grades. He is empowered to issue general notices and administrative instructions to help clarify ministerial instructions and to facilitate the running of his departments.

The Director General is assisted by three directors: the Director of Secondary Education who has charge of the affairs of all intermediate, preparatory, and vocational schools; the Director of Primary Education, who supervises primary and elementary schools; and the Director of Physical Education, who assists the Director General in organizing physical education, including scouting activities, sports, and organized games in and out of school.

Seven divisions and bureaus conduct the everyday business of the Ministry. The Division of Personnel keeps a complete register of all that pertains to the officials and teachers of the Ministry of Education. The Division of Accounts supervises the accounts of all departments, prepares budget estimates and is responsible for the execution of the budget law. The Division of Buildings, headed by an architect, draws the plans for school buildings and supervises all construction, repairs, and maintenance work in schools belonging to the Ministry. The Division of Equipment has charge of the central stores of the Ministry, of keeping textbooks and school furniture and equipment until they are distributed to the schools. In addition, there are the three bureaus of Correspondence, Archives, and Statistics, the functions of which are sufficiently indicated by their titles.

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There are ten provincial directors of education, one each for the city of Damascus, Damascus Province (excluding the city), Hawran, Jabal Druze, Homs, Hama, Latakia, Aleppo, Jazirah, and Euphrates Provinces. These directors have charge mainly of primary education in their provinces and of supervising private schools. They are under the double jurisdiction of the Ministry of Education, from which they receive their instructions and approval of their proposals, and of the governor of their province, through whom they issue their orders and conduct their correspondence with higher authorities. The powers of the provincial directors of education during the regime of the French mandate were very limited. They were then called inspectors of education. Even the appointment of a janitor to a post already provided for in the budget needed to be referred through the governor to the Ministries of Education and Finance and was not final